

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 28, 2019

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Gerald Hopkins, who passed away on April 18. His funeral took place from Barrett's Chapel last Tuesday, April 23.

We welcome 2 more butterflies to our Easter Sanctuary in celebration of:

- \*Leo Doyle and Susan & Ronald Burry from Audrey Burry;
- \*the life and memory of my mom, Shirley Newhook, and my mother-in-law, Bana Yetman from Brenda Newhook.

<b>Financial Update:</b> St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)	
Givings for: April 7:	\$3,565
April 14:	\$3,983
April 21:	\$5,380

**Today:** \* Deadline for Hymn Sing requests; extra forms in the foyer; \*Coffee Hour, hosted by our Worship & Sacraments Committee, following the 11am Service; all welcome.

**Rev. Brian** will be on vacation until May 7th.

**Monday, April 29:**

- \*Sewing Studio, Spring Session begins, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room;
- \*Writers' Circle, 7:30pm in the Fellowship Room.

**Wednesday, May 1:** Last day for registering for our *Learn, Laugh and Leave Relaxed Retreat*, Friday, May 10 evening and all day Saturday, May 11 Cost: \$125.00. Gift certificate for Mother's Day available, as well as all information, from St. James office.

<b><u>Rise &amp; Shine Pansy Bowl Fundraiser</u></b>	
Name: _____	Quantity (\$15 per bowl): _____
Phone # or email: _____	
Deadline is May 1.	

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for Mission & Service enable community ministries like Massey Center, Toronto, Ontario, to create new programs that meet the needs of young, single mothers. It has been a place of refuge and encouragement for almost 120 years. Originally housed in the Methodist parsonage and known as The Victor Home for Women, the Massey family, in 1947, gave the centre their summer home, and renamed it the Massey Center Home for Unwed Mothers, now known as Massey Center for Women. While the original home remains part of the footprint, the center has expanded to include pre-and post-natal housing, education programs, a daycare, and infant mental health programs. People speak fondly of the Center, and many choose to stay connected to it. Lisa, who found out at 18 that she was pregnant, had no family support when she came to Massey Center. Without the support of the Massey Center, she is certain she would have had her child taken by Children's Aid. Lisa now works as the center's receptionist, a welcoming face and voice for first encounters there. Massey Center is very thankful for United Church support, whether in the form of Mission & Service giving, local United Churches' gifts of diapers, or United Church Women who knit beautiful blankets. All these gifts are changing lives each and every way.

**Thursday, May 2:** The Agnes Pratt Home Foundation will be joining a VOWR Gospel Hour, from 8-10pm, channel 800 on your am radio dial. This will be a special time of wonderful music to assist with the fundraising efforts of the Agnes Pratt Home Foundation. If you would like to sponsor one of the hymns, please use the form on the bulletin board outside our Sanctuary. This year the Agnes Pratt Home Foundation are thankful to have a fund match from the Fry Family Foundation up to \$50,000. This means your donation will double. The money raised through this VOWR gospel hour will be used for the Southview Renovation Project within The Agnes Pratt Home. [www.aphf.ca](http://www.aphf.ca)

**The St John's and Area Council of Churches** invite you to join them for their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner and evening of Christian Fellowship at 6pm, Friday, May 3 at St Pius X Parish Hall; \$20 for a Roast Beef dinner. Tickets from George Powell 722-5007, [georgepowell@nl.rogers.com](mailto:georgepowell@nl.rogers.com)

**Tuesday, May 7, 2-4pm:** Café of Memories 2019 at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pearl for an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers, hosted by the Alzheimer Society of NL and Lodge Westmoorland. Call 576-0608 to register - no charge.